

PROGRAM NOTES



Lieutenant Commander Steve Trzcinski was born in Melbourn, England while his father was serving in the U.S. Air Force. A 1977 graduate of Robinson H.S. in Robinson, Texas, LCDR Trzcinski earned a Bachelor of Music degree in trombone performance from The University of Texas at Arlington and a Master of Music degree in trombone performance from Southern Methodist University. In 1986 he enlisted in the Navy, and was assigned to Navy Band Memphis as a bass trombonist. From Memphis, he transferred to Navy Band Guam, then to Navy Band Charleston, South Carolina where he was selected for a commission as a Navy Bandmaster.

Prior to his appointment as Director, U.S. Naval Academy Band in 2010, LCDR Trzcinski served as Assistant Director of the U.S. Atlantic Fleet Band in Norfolk, Virginia; Director, Navy Band Northwest in Seattle; Director, Navy Band Southwest in San Diego; Director of the joint, multi-national Allied Forces Band in Naples, Italy; and Band Support Officer at the Navy Office of Community Outreach in Millington, Tennessee.

The United States Naval Academy Band, “The Navy’s Oldest and Finest,” has been providing music for the Brigade of Midshipmen and surrounding community since 1852. Located at the Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland, the band is comprised of 68 professional, Navy musicians, who have studied at some of the best music schools and conservatories in the country, and who have extensive résumés in performance and teaching.

At the Naval Academy, the USNA Band performs for dress parades, athletic events, pep rallies and other traditional events. In the community, the band presents concerts, provides music for civic events, and presents instructional clinics and performances for K-12 and university students. The band also plays for military ceremonies and funerals throughout the mid-Atlantic region.

In recent years, the band has supported the Naval Academy Admissions Department, touring throughout the country and performing at admissions forums and high schools. These events have greatly contributed to diversity initiatives and an overall increase in the number of applications to the Naval Academy.

The Naval Academy Band takes pride in representing the Naval Academy’s deep heritage of excellence. Performing at the highest professional standard for the Navy, the Naval Academy, and the citizens of this great country remains our ultimate goal.

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CRABTOWNE STOMPERS

MUCS Nick Pastelak, unit leader

TRUMPET

MUCM(SW) James Malmgren - Spring Hill, Florida

MU1 Michael Bogart - Montague, Michigan

SAXOPHONE

MU1 Colin Renick - Belmont, Massachusetts

MU1 Matt Stuver - Virginia Beach, Virginia

TROMBONE

MU1 Steve Tomlinson - Dayton, Ohio

SOUSAPHONE

MUC Todd Nix - Grant Pass, Oregon

ELECTRIC GUITAR

MU1 Shawn Purcell - Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

DRUMS

MUCS Nicholas Pastelak - Bel Air, Maryland

BIOGRAPHY

This ensemble takes a page from the original Naval Academy Band Dixieland group known in the 1980s as the "Original Crabtowne Stompers." Rooted in the original New Orleans jazz music of the early 1900s, the Crabtowne Stompers fuses its music with more modern funk and jazz elements similar to the music of today's popular groups Bonerama and the Dirty Dozen Brass Band. The creative improvisational and compositional techniques of its members make the Crabtowne Stompers' music truly innovative and unique.

The Crabtowne Stompers are led by MUCS Nick Pastalak. The group performs in support of Midshipmen events, Navy and social functions, public concerts, and educational workshops.